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Cold Case Detectives Continue Search for Person of Interest in 34-Year-Old Unsolved Murder

Loudoun County, VA- Cold case detectives with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police continue to investigate the unsolved murder of a Fairfax County woman whose body was found along Route 50, 34-years-ago today.



Veronica Hepworth (right) was 20-years-old when her partially-clothed body was discovered along a driveway at 7AM on February 25, 1982, in Loudoun County. She was found by a passerby driving along Route 50, approximately a quarter of a mile east of Route 15 near Gilberts Corner.



As part of the investigation an age progression sketch (right) was developed of Hepworth's last-known serious boyfriend. Her boyfriend, as seen in this 1982 photograph (left), is a White male with dark hair and would likely be in his mid-50's to early 60's today. The age progression sketch was developed utilizing forensic science, aging, anatomy and art from a certified law enforcement forensic artist.



Hepworth was last seen alive at approximately 1:30AM February 25, 1982 at the Fancy Dancer Bar on Route 1 in Fairfax County. She was there with a group celebrating a friend's birthday. It is still unknown if Ms. Hepworth left the bar alone and hitchhiked to get home or left with another person.

Based on tips and witness information, a red pickup truck, possibly a late 1960's or 1970's model, was seen near the farm where her body was left.

Anyone with information about Ms. Hepworth or the unidentified individual in the photograph is encouraged to call the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Fairfax Field Office at 703-376-1690 or the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office at 703-737-8487. All calls will remain confidential.

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